

Crew Team Spends Spring Break in Tennessee

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The average William and Mary student was partying on the beach during spring break, but the crew team is far from average. They spent their break in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, training twice a day on the water and then some, preparing for the spring season.

The crew team, a club team at William and Mary, races both club and varsity teams from across the nation. Taking members of all skill levels, these young men and women have trained to become fine tuned athletes.

The spring season consists of different types of races than the fall. In the fall crew participates in 5,000 meter races. In the spring the races are only 2,000 meters long. The team trains over spring break in order to get ready for these shorter, yet more competitive and intense races.

The season will begin in Blacksburg, VA, on March 27. There William and Mary will face schools such as the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, University of North Carolina, and College of Charleston. They will then go to Richmond on Saturday, 10 April, 2004, to face University of Richmond and VCU. Finally, in Norfolk, they will race CNU and ODU on 17 April, 2004.

The team is eager to get their feet wet. So much so, they made the Oak Ridge News on 10 March, 2004 for an overturned boat. No one was hurt after the emergency rescue.

The crew team's season will culminate on 2 May in Occoquan, VA for the Mid-Atlantic Championships and 7-8 May in Philadelphia, PA at the Dad-Vails Regatta.

The crew team has sacrificed to become a well oiled machine and deserve the campus' support. You can learn more about the crew team at <http://web.wm.edu/so/wmrc/index.html>.